

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

ET-18408



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November 1, 2010

Surface Transportation Board
Case Management Unit
Attn: Troy Brady
Washington, DC 20423

RE: **Proposed Abandonment Exemption – Otter Tail Valley Railroad Company, Inc.**
Otter Tail County, Minnesota
Docket No. AB 330 (Sub-No. 4X)
LL-THPO Number: 10-248-NCRI

Dear Mr. Brady:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced projects. They have been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

I have reviewed the documentation; after careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any known recorded sites of religious or cultural importance in these areas.

Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately in this order: County Sheriff's Office and Office of the State Archaeologist. If any human remains or culturally affiliated objects are inadvertently discovered this will prompt the process to which the Band will become informed.

Please note: The above determination does not "exempt" future projects from Section 106 review. In the event of any other tribe notifying us of concerns for a specific project, we may re-enter into the consultation process.

You may contact me at (218) 335-2940 if you have questions regarding our review of these projects. Please refer to the LL-THPO Number as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina M. Lemon".

Gina M. Lemon
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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